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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Akio ISHIKAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3625**

Serial No.: **09/817,033**

Examiner: **Naeem U. Haq**

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For: **COMPETITIVE BUYING AND SELLING SYSTEM AND ITS  
CONTROL METHOD**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: May 9, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, **the response date of which  
having been extended by one month to May 12, 2005**, Applicants amend the claims as follows  
and submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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